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PRESCRIBED SPECTRUMS OF LIGHT

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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
10/325,635	December 19, 2002	Mueller et al. (C1104.70115US00)
11/064,069	February 22, 2005	Morgan et al. (C1104.70073US02)

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08):

At least some of the foreign patent documents indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 were cited in one or more oppositions filed against European Patent No. 1,234,140, which is assigned to the current assignee of the present application.

European Patent No. 1,234,140 is the European counterpart to U.S. application Serial No. 09/716,819, now U.S. Patent No. 7,014,336. The present application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/716,819 (i.e., the present application and European Patent No. 1,234,140 share a common specification).

Applicants make no representation that the documents cited herein relating to the European oppositions provide information material to the examination of the present application. Applicants make these documents of record in the present application primarily for completeness to facilitate the Examiner's understanding of the nature of these oppositions. The Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the information contained in these documents.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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